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1. Garrisons in Bohemia:

- a. The 18th Infantry Regiment "Loirsky", Army Unit No. 1102, is stationed in the barracks at Stribro. Two shelters are being built for tanks with a capacity of 25,000 liters of gasoline. Gasoline is to be stored there as reserves. A four-story caserne, about 150 m from the barracks at Stribro and about 100 m from the road leading to the border, has recently been completed. A section of this caserne is to accommodate a tank unit which is to be transferred there from the interior.
- b. The garrison at Chodova Plana near Marianske Lazne has recently been reinforced. The troops are being quartered in schools, in a mansion and in evacuated houses.
- c. On 15 November 1950, an order was issued to evacuate the buildings on one whole street at Cheb for military use. This street was called "Reichstrasse" during the German occupation, "Amerika ulice" after 1945, and Trida unoroveneho vitezstvi (Street of the February Victory) after February 1948. Now stationed at the Cheb garrison are 4,560 men. According to an informant in the local National Committee at Cheb, 15,000 men are to be stationed at Cheb after 1 January 1951. In the meanwhile the men are being billeted in factories, in restaurants and in the monastery. On 1 November 1950, 300 new SNB men arrived in Cheb. They were billeted on the second and third floors of the monastery.
- d. An artillery unit stationed in the barracks at Lazne Kynzvart is to be transferred to the caserne at Cheb. The barracks at Lazne Kynzvart are being hastily enlarged to accommodate tank units. Ferroconcrete shelters for two gasoline tanks each with a capacity of 25,000 liters are being built there and are supposed to be completed at the end of 1950.

2. Construction of Fortifications:

- a. In the area of Mayers Grün, now called Vysoka, near Marianske Lazne, ferroconcrete fortifications measuring 4.5-5 m in diameter, 1 m in depth, and 1.8-2 m above the ground are being built day and night on elevations 701, 656 and 662.

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- b. Similar construction is being done at Cheb, elevations 481, 509, 519, 501, 512, 514 and 495.
- c. On a hill in the Tri Sekery area, gravel is being brought for similar type of fortifications.
- 3. Ammunition Dumps:
 - a. An ammunition dump is located in the woods south of Marianske Lazne at a place called Münch Holz and in the direction of Bauermühle.
 - b. An ammunition dump near Plana is being enlarged. It is located in a northeasterly direction from elevation 605 in a woods called Hammerhansel. Gravel and sand are being brought to this dump.
- 4. The airfield at Marianske Lazne is to be used as a military airfield. New ferroconcrete runways and new hangars are being built there.
- 5. A gasoline station has been established every 50 km on the Prague-Brno highway. Each of the tanks at these stations has a capacity of 25,000 to 30,000 liters of gasoline. If the gasoline reserve falls below the required 10,000 liters, the station is not permitted to sell gasoline except to any person presenting a certification from the army or from the Ministry of Interior. These stations are serviced by women. A similar network of stations is to be set up along all the main highways in Czechoslovakia.
- 6. Two antennas 70-90 m high have been built for radio stations in the environs of Trutnov and three similar ones near Prague. These stations have already interfered with broadcasts from Western radio stations in the Czech and Slovak languages as well as with the illegal broadcast "Bila legie" (White Legion) which is very popular with the Czech people.
- 7. Fights have taken place in the area of Trencin between partisans living in the woods and the local SNB and the military garrison in Trencin. Military reinforcements were called from Piestany, Bratislava and Nitra. Similar contests are expected in the area of Banska Bystrica where a large resistance movement is supposed to exist.
- 8. On 14 November 1950, an SNB officer was murdered in Brno, and since that time the SNB guards have been reinforced and control instituted of all persons in Brno and its environs. According to rumor this officer was murdered by foreign agents.

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